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CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a): whether a meeting was recently held with the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) and the State Drug Authorities (SDA) for a general review of the performance of the pharmaceutical industry at both the Central and the State levels;

(b): if so, the details of the issues discussed in the meeting alongwith the outcome thereof; Â©: whether the major problems being faced by the pharmaceutical manufacturers relate to the increase in the sale of spurious drugs; and

(d): if so, the steps taken or being taken to stop the sale of spurious drugs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI SURESH P. PRABHU)

(a) and (b) : An All India Conference of States` Drug Administration wasorganised by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), on the 26th April, 2000 with a view to reviewing the statewise status of the Pharmaceutical Industry, the implementation of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order and to discuss the issues relatingto the production of drugs and formulations, the menace of spurious drugs and irrational combinations and public awareness, etc.

(c) and (d) : Under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 andthe Rules thereunder, the enforcement of quality control of drugs and pharmaceuticals is regulated by the respective States.